



**KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU/GREETINGS FAMILIES**

Nau mai, haere mai ki wiki ono. Welcome to week 8 of term 3.

We had a great weekend just passed here at Rutherford with both the blessing of our new classroom block and The Brick Show happening yesterday. I always enjoy opportunities where our community comes together.

I am so incredibly proud of our school and our team. Thanks to all our whānau who came along and to those who helped out at both events.

Thank you to those of you who have completed the annual survey. This really helps us to plan for 2025 and to get a sense of what is important to our families. This survey will remain open till the end of the term, so I encourage you to take some time to share your thoughts. We are also looking for members of our school community who are willing to join a focus group to help us better understand the feedback we are receiving.

As we lead up to the end of the term, there is a lot happening here at Rutherford. This coming weekend our Kapa Haka competition group has their dress rehearsal on Saturday at 4pm in the hall. On Thursday 26 September is our Fiafia night.

**This week our Whakatauki o tēnei wiki/whakatauki of this week is;**

**Pai tū  
Pai hinga  
Nāwai rā  
Ka oti**

*Good to stand  
Good to fall  
Continue and eventually the work is completed.*

*This Whakatauki reminds us of the importance of having a positive attitude to learning and to understanding that making mistakes is part of learning. It also reminds us of the importance of change and with change comes new opportunities for learning.*

**WHAT'S ON TOP? He aha kei runga?**

**Annual Survey**

Please take some time to complete the annual survey;

**2024 Annual Survey**

**Focus Group**

If you'd be willing to join a focus group to help us analyse the feedback from the annual survey, please email [office@rutherfordprimary.school.nz](mailto:office@rutherfordprimary.school.nz) to let us know.

**Traffic Safety**

I had a good meeting last week with Auckland Transport, Auckland Council and members of the Henderson-Massey community board. They are all committed to making the roads safer for our children. Our particular focus was finding ways to make the areas around the housing construction safer for our children, however we are also looking at doing our part and making sure that drop off and pick up is safe.

I want to acknowledge everyone at the meeting who listened to our concerns and were genuinely solutions focused.

**WHAT'S COMING UP AT RUTHERFORD**

**I tēnei wiki - This Week**

- 11 September** Interschool Speech competition
- 14 September** Kapa Haka competition group dress rehearsal

**WHAT'S COMING UP AT RUTHERFORD LATER THIS TERM**

- 16 September** Samosa fundraiser orders close
- 16-20 September** Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
- 24 September** Interschool Basketball
- 24 September** Board of Trustees meeting
- 25 September** Samosa fundraiser order pick up
- 26 September** Fiafia Night
- 27 September** Cle@R learning stories go home
- 27 September** End of Term 3

**COMING UP NEXT TERM AT RUTHERFORD**

- 14 October** Start of Term 4
- Week 1** Junior School Maritime Museum
- Week 1 and 2** Senior School Arataki trip
- 17 October** Nest Consulting Parent Information Evening
- 18 October** New Classrooms Grand Opening
- 22 October** Board of Trustees meeting
- 24 October** New to Rutherford powhiri
- 25 October** Staff only day (school closed to students)
- 28 October** Labour Day (school closed)
- 29 October** Yr 5/6 puberty talks
- 1 November** Kōtuku Rerengātahi trip to St Margarets
- 5-6 November** Individual and Class Photos
- 15 November** Blue Light Disco
- 23 November** Te Kahu o te Rehia kapa haka competition
- 12 December** Whānau picnic
- 19 December** Year 6 graduation
- 20 December** End of term 4
- 3 February 2025** Start of Term 1 2025

Other events may be added as the term progresses. Hubs will send notices for upcoming events through the parent portal.

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

- OVERALL TO DATE:** **88%** Of the **9%** of children absent,
- LAST WEEK:** **91%** **4.9%** of those were absent due to illness.
- LATE TO SCHOOL:** **1.3%**



## WHAT'S ON TOP? *He aha kei runga?*

We still need to do our part and I once again urge those of you who drop your children off to think about the safest way to do that. Firstly, our children are able to walk a short distance down the road and the safest place to drop off is Old Te Atatu road. Secondly if you drop off in Kotuku Street and then do a U-turn or turn into a driveway to turn around, this is unsafe. Kotuku Street loops around onto Gloria Ave, which feeds back onto Te Atatu Road, it is much safer to follow the road around rather than turn around.

We fully appreciate that it is not always easy to see a pedestrian perspective when you are driving and if you have a few minutes to spare one morning, I'd be very happy to have you come along on duty with me so you can see what drop off looks like. You may even be able to help us come up with some solutions to make it safer for our children.

### Toru Street Entrance

Now that the building team has finished we no longer have someone on the Toru Street entrance. This vehicle entrance is only for the taxis dropping off and picking up at the Arohanui Satellite school. If our families use this entrance it congests the taxi area and makes it unsafe for the Arohanui children.

After school this is a high pedestrian traffic area and it is not a suitable place to pick children up. We will be working towards putting a gate here, but for now we have coned off the area and will have a staff member there. Please be understanding of our staff who are just keeping all our children safe.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui  
Be Strong, be brave, be determined

Noho ora mai  
Amanda Bennett  
Tumuaki/Principal

## OUT OF ZONE PLACES 2025

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

The board has determined that 10 places at Year 0/1 - 5 places at Year 2/3 - 15 places at Year 4/5 and 0 places at Year 6 are likely to be available for out-of-zone students next year. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

The out of zone ballot for 2025, if needed will be held on **17th October**. The deadline for receipt of applications is **12pm on 15th October 2024**.

Places are offered to applicants according to their priority group. Priority groups are prescribed by legislation and set out in our Enrolment Scheme. Please visit our website [www.rutherfordprimary.school.nz](http://www.rutherfordprimary.school.nz) to view the Enrolment Scheme zone and find information on the out of zone ballot application process.

## OUR VALUES, THE RUTHERFORD WAY



Congratulations to the following children this week who show us The Rutherford Way.

- Brody, Nina, Jaysen, Bram, Christiana
- Winning classroom room 22
- Student Leaders Alex and Aria

**When children complete their Rutherford Way bucket or Tally chart with 25 stickers or ticks, they get a certificate and a reward for showing the Rutherford values of Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga, Turangawaewae and Ako.**



At Rutherford we show **Manaakitanga**

We treat others with kindness.

We use good positive language with each other.

We remind each other to use positive language.





## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT RUTHERFORD

### I tērā wiki - Last week

#### New classroom block blessing

Last Sunday 8 September at 6am members of our community, staff, tamariki, the architects, the project managers, the build team and the Ministry of Education all gathered to bless our new classroom block. We want to thank Matua Jeff, Matua Timi and Matua Malcolm who led us through the building and shared karakia to make the building ready for our tamariki and staff. A special part of the process was the opportunity for those present to speak their hopes for the space into the space.

It was also wonderful to have a small group of our tamariki come along. These tamariki are the first children to have walked through the completed building.

Following the blessing we shared kai together and were able to reflect on the journey. We are looking forward to now preparing to



#### Room 6 Performance at Rutherford College

Thank you for the amazing support for our ākonga in Ruma ono. This was such a special opportunity for them to showcase their new learning and share it with their whanau.

Our whanau were really excited for their tamariki performing in such an event. Thank you to Rutherford College dance department for coming every week to practice with us.



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